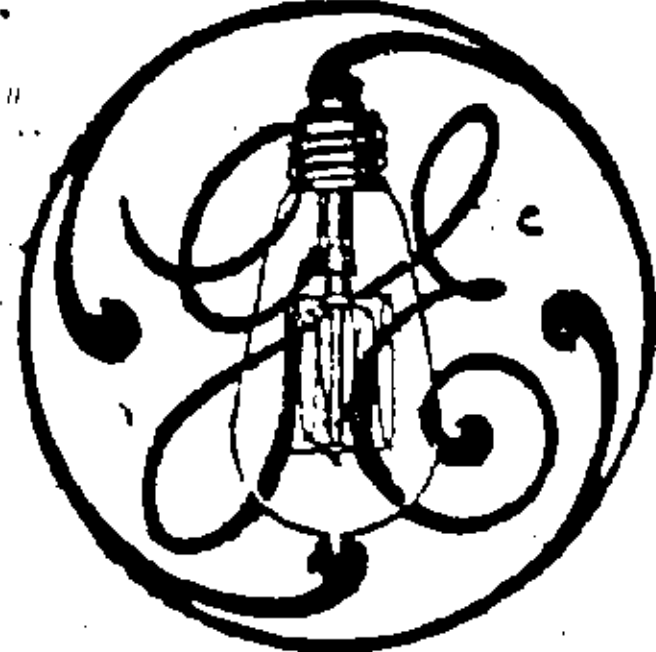


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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

WAR CRIMINALS.

EXTRADITION QUESTION CAUSES SERIOUS CRISIS.

Paris, February 4.
Von Lersner, the acting head of the German Delegation, has resigned, having refused to transmit the Allied list of wanted war criminals for extradition.

AN INCIDENT OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE.

Paris, February 4.
The reply to Von Lersner's Note has been drafted and will be approved by the Council of Ambassadors this evening. It is understood that the British Charge d'Affaires in Berlin will be instructed to present the Note and list direct to the German Government. While the best informed people consider that Von Lersner's action is entirely personal, it appears highly probable that Von Lersner, prior to the receipt of the Allied demand, consulted Berlin as regards the attitude he should adopt. Some French circles are of the opinion that Germany is making the question a test of strength and grave importance is attached to the incident.

VON LERSNER'S REFUSAL.

Berlin, February 7.
Von Lersner's refusal of the Allied list was contrary to instructions. His request to retire from the Imperial service is immediately accepted.

A STRAIGHT TALK TO HOLLAND.

Paris, February 4.
The *Petit Journal* states that the Council of Ambassadors has drafted a fresh letter in energetic terms, demanding the extradition of the Kaiser. The letter will be presented to Holland, after the Governments of the Allies have signified their approval.

Paris, February 4.
Newspapers state that the draft new Allied Note to Holland with regard to the extradition of the ex-Kaiser is energetic, and refutes all Holland's arguments as regards procedure and legal formulae. It requests Holland to reconsider her decision and hopes that Holland will not shoulder the responsibility longer, thus hindering the course of Justice.

BRITAIN'S CLAIMS.

Paris, February 7.
According to the *Independent*, Great Britain is claiming 112 German war criminals.

KAISER MUST NOT LIVE IN EUROPE.

London, February 7.
Sir Auckland Geddes, speaking at Dover, said the Government intended to get the Kaiser out of Holland and put him on trial, and whatever penalty was allotted to him would be carried out. But if, on the basis of International Law, Holland definitely said "No" and that she intended to provide asylum for him within her territory, then we must say he could not live in Dutch territory in Europe and she would have to put him on some island belonging to her outside Europe.

ALLIED LIST REACHES BERLIN.

Copenhagen, February 7.
A message from Berlin shows that despite Von Lersner's action the Allied list, with a covering note, has reached the Foreign Office and will be published to-morrow. The Cabinet is considering it to-night.

THE BOLSHEVİK ADVANCE.

FALSE REPORT REGARDING ODESSA.

London, February 4.
Reuter learns that as a result of forced marches the Bolsheviks are established upon a line thirty versts westward of Nikolaieff. It is now clear that the Ukrainian claim of the capture of Odessa is untrue, but the proximity of the Reds thereto is most serious.

Latest British news from Vladivostok, dated January 31, shows that the revolutionary occupation was peaceful. Some Military Missions are westward of Vladivostok, and it is not anticipated that the Revolutionaries will interfere therewith.

GENERAL GAIDA'S VIEWS.

Paris, February 2.
General Gaida, in the course of an interview, declared that Kolchak was arrested only by Russian revolutionary forces and the Allies requested the Czechs to fight in order to secure his release, but the Czechs refused as they had already suffered heavy losses. Gaida stated that the new Government at Irkutsk consisted of moderate but progressive politicians, and emphatically asserted that the Czechs were incapable of intriguing with the Bolsheviks.

CZECHS ARRIVE AT PRAGUE.

Prague, February 4.
The first Czecho-Slovak regiment from Siberia has arrived and had an enthusiastic reception.

STATE OF SIEGE AT VLADIVOSTOK.

London, February 4.
The *Times* correspondent at Vladivostok, writing on January 28, says a state of siege has been proclaimed there. The Japanese are guarding the State Bank at which a daring theft of several million roubles was effected yesterday. It is reported that large Japanese reinforcements are coming. Diplomatic representatives are concerting measures for the protection of the lives and property of foreigners, constituting sixty per cent. of the population, including 60,000 Chinese and 5,000 Japanese.

A GREAT VICTORY.

Archangel, February 7.
A wireless message from Odessa, dated February 4, reports a recent great victory for the Volunteer Army of the Red Cavalry, which is the Bolshevik Corps d'Elite. After the capture of Rostoff, Novotcherkashi attempted to force the passage of the Don, but was thrown back in confusion, losing 60 guns, 150 machine-guns and 8,000 men. On another sector of Denikin's front the Reds lost 13 guns and 1,500 men.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

COMMUNIST AUTOCRACY.

LENIN AND TROTSKY ON A NEW POLICY.

Archangel, February 7.
An extraordinary change of attitude is reflected in the speeches of Lenin and Trotsky which are stated to have been delivered at a Soviet Conference at Moscow on national economy and are published in an official statement here.

Lenin emphasised the necessity of substituting autocratic for associated power in the organisation of the Government and industry, as already carried out in the Army. He described this as an evolutionary measure and said success lay in autocracy of Communist leaders and in Communist domination of the people.

Trotsky said the only means of strengthening the Soviet power was to assemble the workmen at the factories and send them from place to place on the Government's instructions, the peasants to be turned into Labour Corps under military discipline. The armies would requisition the peasants' meat, wheat and fish in order to assure the labourers of work.

THE BOMBAY COTTON STRIKE.

MILITARY PICKET STONED.

Bombay, January 27.
The mill strike has entered a new and more sinister phase. There is evidence that the bulk of the operatives would gladly accept the liberal conditions promised by the millowners at the solicitation of the Governor, but when work was resumed at seven mills this morning gangs of rowdies terrorised the men into leaving. They stoned a military picket, compelling it to fire, one striker being injured. The result is that the whole industry is still idle and as there is no likelihood of the millowners altering the terms, possibly the strike will be protracted.

WORKERS STILL OUT.

Bombay, January 29.
A meeting of 20,000 cotton mill operatives decided not to resume work, despite the advice of the Labour Settlement Committee.

FLYING TO SOUTH AFRICA.

THREE MACHINES LEAVE ENGLAND.

London, February 4.
The *Times* announces that the Vickers Vimy machine which arrived at Cairo en route to the Cape is being sent thither by Lord Northcliffe in order to show whether Africa can be crossed easily and safely by aircraft. The flight will also provide a special opportunity for scientific exploration by Mr. Chalmers Mitchell, Secretary of the Zoological Society, who is a passenger.

The Airco Company's aeroplane No. 14 started this afternoon for the Cape. The pilots are Captain Cotton and Lieutenant Townsend, both Australians.

A South African Government machine, named Silver Queen, piloted by South African officers, left Brooklands this morning in an attempt to fly to the Cape via Cairo.

ECHO OF RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

A GERMAN LIE DENOUNCED.

London, February 2.
An official statement issued by the Admiralty says Von Tirpitz's recently-published Memoirs state, wholly contrary to fact, that British naval officers attached to Admiral Togo's staff in the Russo-Japanese War took an active and important part in the decisions of the Japanese Command in action. As the allegation is a reflection on the professional reputation of a most distinguished Japanese Admiral, the foreign Secretary, at the Admiralty's request, has informed the Japanese Ambassador that it has the Government's unqualified contradiction.

CONSPIRACY IN AMERICA.

I. W. W. OFFICIALS INDICTED.

Chicago, February 2.
The Special Grand Jury investigating extremist activities has returned indictments against thirty-seven members of the Industrial Workers of the World, including W. D. Haywood, ex-Secretary, and Thomas Whitehead, Secretary of the I. W. W. All are charged with conspiracy to overthrow the Government forcibly.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

SINGAPORE DEFENCE CORPS.

Singapore, February 7.
A public meeting held yesterday passed a resolution, after discussion on the proposed Defence Force Bill, that a Volunteer Force be formed consisting of units as may be considered most suitable to defend the Colony, such Force to be subject to the existing Volunteer Ordinance, all able-bodied European British subjects not members of the Volunteer Force and between the ages of 18 and 45 to be required to serve in a Colonial Defence Force to be governed by certain conditions.

PEKING AND THE STUDENTS.

Shanghai, February 7.
A parade mass meeting is to be held on Monday as part of a demonstration against Peking's attitude towards the students. Although confined to the Chinese city authorities of the International Settlement appreciate the possibilities of the movement.

LAUNCH OF A STANDARD SHIP.

Shanghai, February 7.
The War Tia, the second standard British ship built by the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company, has been launched.

THE DOLLAR.

WORTH MORE THAN SIX SHILLINGS.

He would be a bold man to predict what the sterling rate of exchange will be in the course of the next couple of weeks. Optimism is rampant, as is often the case in a rising market. Some are glibly talking of seeing an eight shilling dollar.

The dollar has now passed the six shilling mark. When the Government of the United States declared its intention of stabilising the rate of the China dollar for the benefit of the American merchants doing import and export business in China, by periodical shipments of silver to Shanghai, Hongkong and other Treaty Ports of the country, the idea was expressed that we had seen the last of the upward tendency in the silver market. How these expectations were falsified have been proved by subsequent events. The capacity of China for consuming the white metal is prodigious. There was a great fear that the silver which the United States Government began to send to the American Exchange Banks for financing trade would be absorbed rapidly, and cease to circulate. We had given expression to this belief at the time, and it is interesting to see that our fears were well founded.

Money is abominably tight, and not until the Chinese New Year can we expect any amelioration in the financial position. In addition to this, over \$7,000,000 in the shape of remittances from the United States, Australia, and the Straits Settlements has been received during the last seven days, which has helped to put up exchange considerably. These remittances are from the Chinese abroad.

To-day \$2,500,000 (Straits) bills were negotiated against gold shipments to the Straits Settlements through the Banks at 17 points over the official rate.

There is no silver quotation over the wire, and the sharp rise is, therefore, purely the result of local influences.

Since Saturday the market has registered an advance in the sterling rate of 2½d.

Business to-day between the Exchange Banks resulted at 2½d. over the official rate.

A large number of rice bills are coming on the market, and this will exercise some influence in hardening the rate.

OBITUARY.

MR. H. F. DENT.

The death took place on Friday morning at 8.15 o'clock at his residence in Sharnoon, of Mr. Herbert Fullerton Dent, head of the well-known firm of Messrs. Herbert Dent & Co., of London, Lyons, Canton & Macao.

Mr. Dent, who was 73 years old, was one of the oldest foreign residents of Sharnoon, having come to Canton in 1871.

Much sympathy will be felt for the bereaved relatives and his only son who is now on his way from London.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the Macao Fort Cemetery.

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TO-DAY.

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TO-MORROW.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
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STRANDING OF S.S. KAIFONG.

MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

CAPTAIN NOT TO BLAME.

A Marine Court of Enquiry was held this morning, in the Marine Court, into the circumstances surrounding the stranding of the s.s. Kaifong.

The Court was composed of Captain Basil Taylour, R.N. (President), Lt. F. J. Lambert of H.M.S. Carlisle; Captain N.W.V. Corianat of the s.s. Cheong Sing; Captain T. Arthur, of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Captain J.W. Read, of the s.s. Protailaus.

Capt. E. B. Jones, master of the s.s. Kaifong, examined said:—The ship was on a voyage from Pakhoi to Haiphong. She left Pakhoi at 4.15 p.m. on 19th December, 1919, with 100 tons of general cargo and 27 passengers, of whom one was a European. The weather was clear and cloudy with N.E. wind, moderate sea. 5.7 Kwangtung Bluff N 62° E (compass) 1 mile set course S 62° W (compass). I wrote up the night orders to call me when Norway Island Light was sighted, and if not sighted when log showed 95. This gave a run of 68½ to range of light from 8 o'clock. I called the Chief Officer, Mr. Hibbert, into the chart room and showed him when he would probably pick up the light and to be careful of the set. At 2.30 a.m. I was awakened by the vessel striking. I immediately went on the bridge and put the telegraph to "stop." The engines were still going full speed ahead. I asked the mate where we were, and he replied he did not know. I saw high land on the port hand about ½ mile distant. A light rain was falling at the time. I at once ordered the bells to be sounded, and took sounding 12 feet round the ship. At the same time all the life-saving appliances were got ready, and the boats were swung out. At daylight I sent a boat for assistance, procured junks and put all the passengers in them, and sent them to the nearest port, Hongay. She made 7 feet in the main hold in half-an-hour and presently the engine room began to make water. At first I thought this latter was coming through the bulkhead, but came to the conclusion that she was holed there too. It was not coming into the engine room so quickly as into the hold and I thought we could have kept it under, but eventually we had to draw fires. I did not make any attempt to get her off then. I thought it would be no use.

By the Court:—The night was dark. There was no moon, but it was quite clear. The compass sight was a good one. The course steered was the average of the last 20 voyages on the same run. John Hibbert, the mate of the Kaifong, said he relieved the deck at midnight on 19th December. There was nothing in sight. The night was dark and clear, wind N.E. 2, and the sea choppy. The course was N. 62 degrees W. 10 knots. The master had left orders to be called on sighting Norway Island Light or when the ship had run 95 from 8 p.m. Witness sighted a steamer on the starboard bow at 0.30, going in the opposite direction, and the lights of several junks on both bows. Nothing unusual occurred until 2 o'clock. The quarter-master was about to be relieved at the wheel, and witness told him as soon as he was relieved to go aft to look at the log. The quarter-master took the log and told witness it showed 89. Between 2 and 2.30, witness whistled for the quarter-master and told him to take the log again. The quarter-master came back and told him it was showing 93. At 2.30, the ship struck. Witness watched the compass and was satisfied that the ship was on her course.

By the Court:—I saw no land before the rain came on. We passed several junks. I did not

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 6s. 7½d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Cloudy. Barometer: 30.14. Temperature 2 p.m.—43. Humidity 2 p.m.—75.

have to alter the course for any of them. I am sure they were junks and not shore lights.

By Mr. Innes:—I saw no land after she struck. When she struck I was amidships, looking in the direction in which I expected to sight the light.

The Marine Superintendent of the China Navigation Company, cross-examined by Mr. Jones, said the second mate, in his report to him, gave the same evidence as to the course steered and cross bearings taken.

Capt. Jones, recalled:—When I got on the bridge the ship was on her course.

The quarter-master of the s.s. Kaifong, examined, said that on December 20th he went to the wheel at 2.20 a.m. He was steering a course of 62 S.W. She was on her course of 62 S.W. when he went to the wheel. He kept on 62 S.W., and did not alter the course. He did not notice any light anywhere. At 3 a.m. the ship struck a sampan.

Capt. Taylour:—Did you see anything on the bridge which is not generally there? I did not see anything unusual.

Mr. J. T. Laing, a Hainan Straits pilot, said he had been a pilot for nine years in the Straits and Gulf of Tongking. He was on the bridge of the vessel on the night in question. After the course was set from Pakhoi, he did not go on the bridge. The course that was being steered was S.W. 62. He considered that a very prudent course to steer. He had had experience of the tides in these waters. Between 3 and 2 that night he would expect the usual tides. He had had experience of the set in the Gulf. In this part there should be no set except the tides, and they did not run strong there. The tidal streams then ran parallel to the coast, N. E. and S. W.

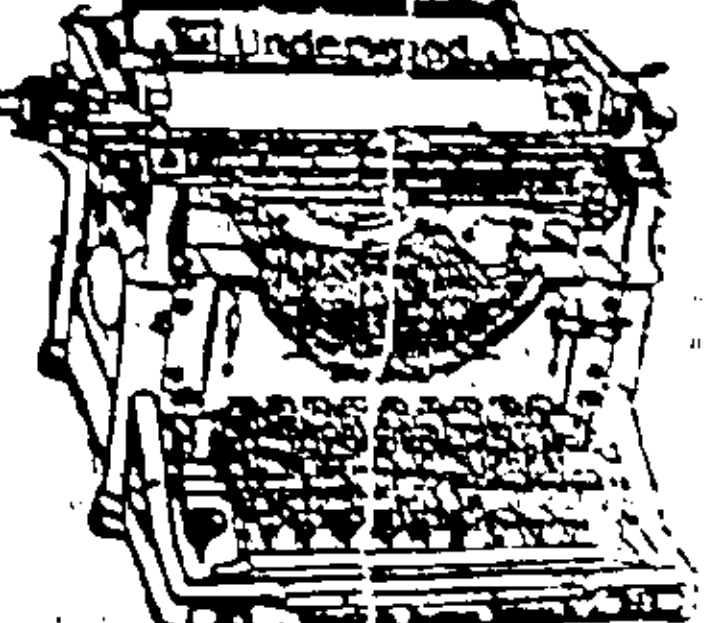
Mr. Hibbert was re-called. Cross-examined by Capt. Jones, he said:—I did not see the Kao Toa Islands when we passed them. I did not leave the bridge during my watch. When I went below at 8 p.m. it was quite clear. I remember you pointing out the light, etc., on the chart. I do not remember your pointing out the land when you came up after the ship struck. I do not dispute that you did. I was not as calm as I am now. I did not stop the engines when she struck. I did not think of it.

Capt. Jones, recalled, said that the course he set would have taken him 7½ miles from Lai Tao. The Court gave the following decision:—We find that the s.s. Kaifong, official number 95430, of London, master Ernest Berasford Jones, certificate of competency as master No. 031007, Liverpool, sailed from Pakhoi for Haiphong at 4.15 p.m. on 19th December 1919. At 5.7 p.m. the ship's position was verified by cross bearing and course set S. 61 degrees W. (true) to pass 11 outside Norway Islands. Nothing was sighted except lights of passing vessels though the night was clear though dark. At 2.30 the ship struck on shoal to north of Siang Lai Tao, which is 10 degrees from estimated position of the ship. There is no evidence of the ship having been off her course at any time. We are of opinion that the ship must have experienced a strong set to westwards which may be regarded as unusual and not to be anticipated. The master took all necessary steps before and after stranding.

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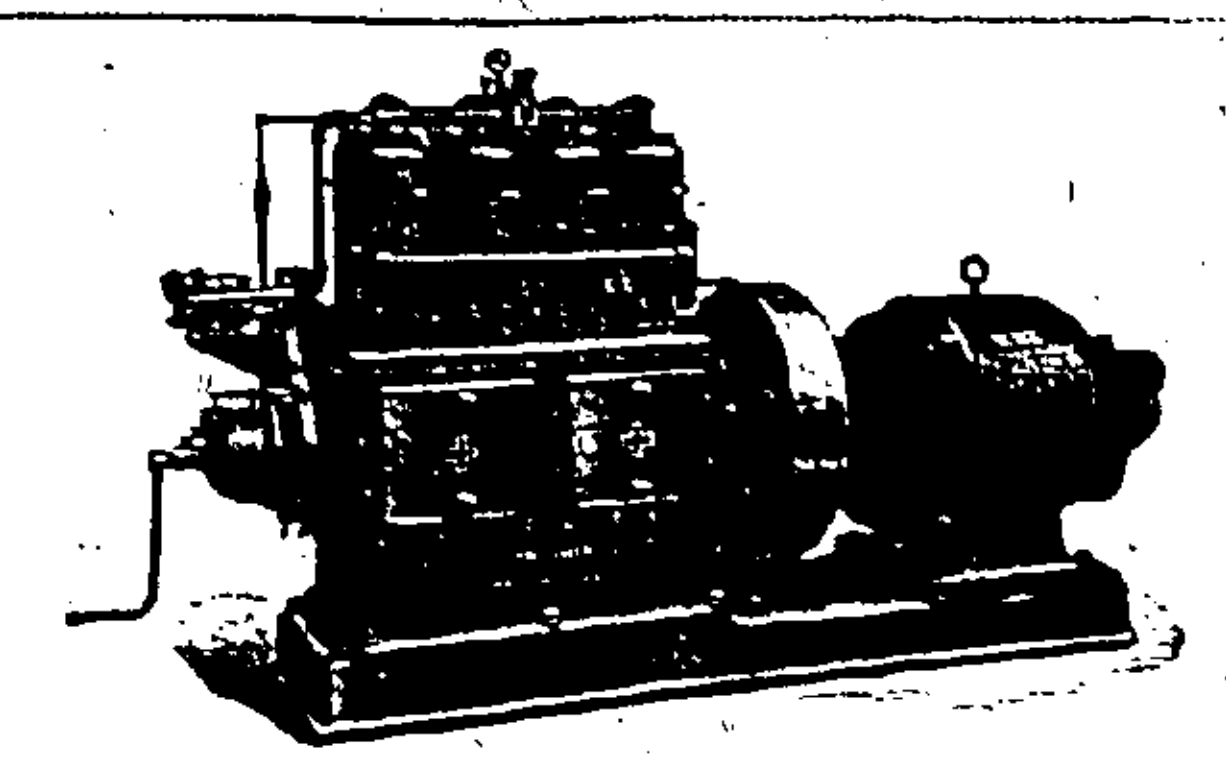
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YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the
"Telegraph."]
THE BOLSHIEVKS.

London, Feb. 5.
It is semi-officially stated that the
Bolshievks are still fifty miles from
Odessa. In the north of the Crimea
volunteers apparently maintain a
hold of the isthmus of Perekop
and Chongar which are easily de-
fensible. Cossacks have taken large
numbers of prisoners and four guns
in fighting on Manitch. Social-
revolutionaries at Irkutsk have been
overthrown by Bolshievks without
conflict and replaced by a Soviet
Committee. Practically all the coast-
al area round Vladivostok has gone
"Red" and it is only a ques-
tion of time before the movement
spreads to the whole Amur and
Russur districts.

London, Feb. 2.
A "Times" Harbin wire of Jan. 3
says the situation there is electric.
A general strike of Russian work-
men is threatened and moderates
propose to cease work if more
Japanese troops come. They are
dead against foreign intervention
in Siberia of any form. From Irkutsk
it is reported that the banks of the
Lena gold fields have been national-
ised. Soviet commissaries have
formed a revolutionary tribunal to
try Koltchak but it is proposed to
send him to Moscow to be dealt with
by a higher court.

London, Feb. 3.
Reuter learns that the Bolshievks
have captured Nikolaieff and are
advancing towards Otkhakof, fur-
ther that the chances of a...
Odessa are considered most doubt-
ful. Meanwhile it is noteworthy that
hitherto there is no confirmation of
the Ukrainian claim that they have
captured Odessa.

London, Feb. 2.
A Bolshevik wireless says that in
the Perekop region our troops have
been forced back by the enemy
fourteen miles south of Perekop.

Paris, Feb. 3.
It reported that Denikin has re-
taken the very important isthmus
of Perekop.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the
"Telegraph."]
WAR CRIMINALS.

Paris, Feb. 3.
The list of Germans whose names
the Allies demand, handed to
Von Lersner, is headed by the
Crown Prince and several other
sons of the Kaiser and comprises
Bethmann von Hollweg, Hindenburg,
Ludendorff, Rupprecht, the Duke of
Wurttemberg and a number of
other princes and other titled
officers. It totals eight hundred
and particularises the accusations
against persons whose names are
supplied by Britain, France, Italy,
Belgium, Rumania, Jugo-Slavia and
Poland.

PEACE WITH HUNGARY

London, Feb. 3.
Reuter understands that the time
limit given to Hungary to reply to
the Allied terms has been extended
until after the assembling of the
National Assembly at Budapest on
Feb. 24.

ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

London, Feb. 2.
The commander of the "Kan-
garoo" machine which left on Nov.
21 has returned to London. He
hopes to secure an engine to pro-
ceed to Australia in March.

JELICOE RETURNS.

London, Feb. 3.
Lord Jellicoe, accompanied by
Sir R. L. Borden, landed at 11.15
this afternoon.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the
"Telegraph."]
BRITAIN AND U. S. A.

Washington, Feb. 2.
The British Charge d'Affaires,
Mr. Lindsay, has handed to Mr.
Glavin a London statement positive-
ly asserting that Britain will not
seek any further loans from the
United States but on the contrary
is desirous of reducing outstanding
obligations.

SITUATION IN IRELAND.

London, Feb. 2.
Dublin Castle states that alto-
gether sixty-five Sinn Feiners have
been arrested in Ireland since Jan.
31, this having no connection with
recent municipal happenings.
It is officially stated that the
arrested Sinn Feiners are detained
under "Dora" as members of illegal
organisations. Many are known to
be members of the Irish Republican
Army.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the
"Telegraph."]
ESTHONIAN PEACE.

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.
An Estonian official message
from Dorpat states that a Peace
between Esthonia and the Soviet in
Russia has been signed.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

A Reval message says the Peace
Treaty between the Soviet and
Esthonia unreservedly recognises
the independence of the latter, the
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS.

London, Feb. 4.
A Paris message states that the resignation of Von
Lersner has caused a great sensation in Conference
circles. Allied representatives have been hurriedly
summoned and are now considering the situation. Von
Lersner, interviewed by Reuter, said he resigned on his
own responsibility in order not to embarrass his own
government. He had returned the War Criminals list
to M. Millerand. He had no option in the matter owing
to his repeated declaration that no German official could
be found to transmit such a list to Berlin. He was
leaving for Berlin immediately.

PRESIDENT WILSON ESCAPES FLU.

London, Feb. 4.
A Washington official message says President Wilson
caught a cold a few days ago and narrowly escaped
influenza. The President is steadily recovering from his
old illness and is now able to walk about the second
floor of the White House unassisted.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the
"Telegraph."]
ESTHONIAN PEACE.

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.
An Estonian official message
from Dorpat states that a Peace
between Esthonia and the Soviet in
Russia has been signed.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

A Reval message says the Peace
Treaty between the Soviet and
Esthonia unreservedly recognises
the independence of the latter, the
Soviet completely renouncing all
rights of sovereignty and promising
to uphold Esthonian neutrality.

ROME-TOKIO FLIGHT.

London, Feb. 1.
A Rome message of Jan. 31 states
that Lieutenants Abba and Garrone,
whose Caproni machine was at-
tempting the Rome-Tokio flight,
have had the machine destroyed by
fire in landing at Salonika. They
have been ordered to return to
Rome.

CAIRO TO CAPE.

London, Feb. 3.
A Cairo message states that the
Vickers Vimy Machine which left
London on Jan. 24th, arrived bound
for the Cape on Jan. 25.

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316 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."**COMPANY REPORTS.****HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO.**The report of the directors of the
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porated in the United Kingdom), to
be submitted to the shareholders at
the ordinary general meeting to be
held at the Offices of Messrs. Jar-
dine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on
Wednesday, 14th April at noon
states:The Directors submit herewith the
audited Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December, 1919.
The gross profit for
the year amounts to \$47,930 6s. 3d.
From this must be de-
ducted the Deben-
ture and Loan In-
terest9,796 12s. 1d.
235,133 12s. 11d.To which should be
added the amount
brought forward
from the last Bal-
ance Sheet, after
allowing for the
First Dividend of
£10,511 12s. 1d.9,796 12s. 1d.
235,133 12s. 11d.Making a balance
of £245,629 6s. 3d.
Of this the Interim
Dividend for 1919 of
1d. per share, paid
25th August, 1919,
absorbed £12,147 10s. 6d.
The Directors now re-
commend a Final
Dividend for 1919 of
1s. 3d. per share.245,629 6s. 3d.
235,133 12s. 11d.Leaving to be
carried forward £10,495 6s. 3d.
Both the Balance Sheet and the
Working and Profit and Loss
Account have been converted into
sterling (with the exception of
Capital Additions and Depreciation,
taken at 2/-) at the T.T. rate on
31st December, 1919, viz. 4s. 10½d.
The actual Hongkong Receipts and
Working Expenses in the local
currency are as follows:

1915 1919

Traffic and Miscel-
laneous Receipts \$755,650 \$797,731
Power Expenses,
Traffic Expenses,
Maintenance and
Repairs, and Gen-
eral Expenses ... 350,929 366,956Working Profit,
Hongkong \$404,751 \$430,775The Debentures having been
redeemed, the Debenture Re-
demption Reserve (being the
difference between the par
value of the debentures purchas-
ed before the redemption and the
price paid for same) amounting to
\$11,294 10s. 10d. is released, and has
been transferred to credit of Profit
and Loss A/c. This transfer re-
quires the sanction of the Company
in General Meeting.The Hon. Mr. David Landale
resigned his seat on the Board on
the 6th May, 1919, and the Hon.
John Johnstone was invited to fill
the vacancy. Under Article No. 111
Mr. Johnstone is now eligible for
re-election.**THE ZEEBRUGGE MEMORIAL.**
An exhibition of models of
designs submitted for the com-
petition for the Zeebrugge
Memorial was opened recently
at the premises of the Royal
Institute of British Architects.
The winning entry was designed
by a Belgian architect, M. A.
Dupont. It is a central column
to be constructed in bronze,
dominated by a figure of St.
George. This is in the middle of
a Casin limited on three sides by
steps. The side facing the sea
is bounded by a wall, on which
the names of the battleships
which took part in the action are
written.**NOTICES.****VICTOR RECORDS.**

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COMPANY MEETING.**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD.,
HONGKONG.**The first ordinary yearly meet-
ing of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd.,
was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday,
at its registered Office, No. 2,
Queen's Road, Central. Mr. Fong
Wai Ting presided, and there were
present Messrs. Chow Chou Son,
Li Koon Chun, Fung Ping Shan,
Kan Ying Po, Wong Yun Tong,
P. K. Kwok, Mok Ching Kong, Ng
Chang Luk, Chan Ching Shek
(Directors), Kan Tong Po (Chief
Manager), Li Tse Fong (Assistant
Manager) and a number of Share-
holders.Mr. Kan Tong Po hav-
ing read the notice convening
the meeting, the Chairman said—
Gentlemen, you will notice from
the accounts which have been in
your hands for some time that the
result of the Bank's working for
the first year is most satisfactory.
I will with your permission take
them as read. The net profit for
the year amounts to \$370,258.68,
with which it is proposed to deal
as follows:—To pay a dividend of 6
per cent. on the paid-
up Capital of the
Bank which will
absorb \$120,000.00To pay a Bonus to Direc-
tors, Holders of Found-
ers' Shares and
Staff \$7,549.00To write off Organiza-
tion Expenses 7,003.74To Transfer to Re-
serve Fund 200,000.00

To carry forward 5,724.54

Though the amount of profit
would justify the declaration of a
higher dividend, yet in order to
place the Bank on a more solid
basis, the Directors propose to
create out of the profit a Reserve
Fund of \$200,000 which I trust
will have the whole-hearted sup-
port of the shareholders. Besides
its branch at Saigon, which was es-
tablished a few months ago, and
its Shanghai Office, which will be
opened shortly, the Directors pro-
pose to establish two other
branches this year, one at Hai-
phong and the other at Canton.
Since the Bank was opened in
January last year, the deposits
have gradually increased until
now they are well over four
million dollars. A Savings De-
partment will be established in
the course of this year, and the
question of the installation of safe-
deposit boxes has had the serious
consideration of the Directors. In
view of the fact that the premises
now occupied by the Bank are lik-
ly to be reconstructed, the Direc-
tors have recently acquired the
premises next to the Netherlands
India Commercial Bank known as
Nos. 10 and 10A, Des Vaux Road
Central, for the accommodation of
the Head Office. The purchas-
e will be completed some time this
year, and the Bank will move in
after certain alterations have
been made. I now propose that
the report and accounts as cir-
culated be adopted and that the
balance at credit of Profit and Loss
Account, viz. \$370,258.68, be dealt
with as proposed.The adoption was unanimously
carried on being seconded by Mr.
Fok Fu Ting.The three retiring Directors,
Messrs. Fung Ping Shan, P. K.
Kwok and Ng Chang Luk were re-
elected on the motion of Mr. Chow
Shou Son, seconded by Mr. Li Koon
Chun.The retiring auditors, Messrs.
Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming,
were re-elected rem. con. on the
motion of Mr. Wong Yun Tong,
seconded by Mr. Kan Ying Po.**GENERAL NEWS.****£15,100 FOR A BO K.**
High prices for rare old books
were realised recently at Sothe-
by's when the Britwell Court
library was sold. Within 15
seconds the first lot, the only
known copy of Barnes' Treatise
on Fishing, 1520, was sold to
Messrs. Quaritch for £1,70. The
name of Mr. G. D. Smith was
heard prominently as a pur-
chaser, and it generally signified
that American collectors are
interested in the sale. Heber's
collection of Elizabethan Broad-
sides and Ballads caused quite a
stir. The opening bid was £1,000,
and by hundreds the offers up to
£6,400, at which figure Mr. Smith
beat Mr. Quaritch. Sir leaves of
Caxton's in the work "The Curial"
went to Mr. Quaritch for £2,980.
For the Shakespeare "Venus and
Adonis" and the "Passionate Pil-
grim" there was an opening bid
of £2,000. When £15,000 had
been called, Mr. G. B. Smith's
offer remained unchallenged by
Mr. Quaritch, and the hammer
fell on a sum which is a record
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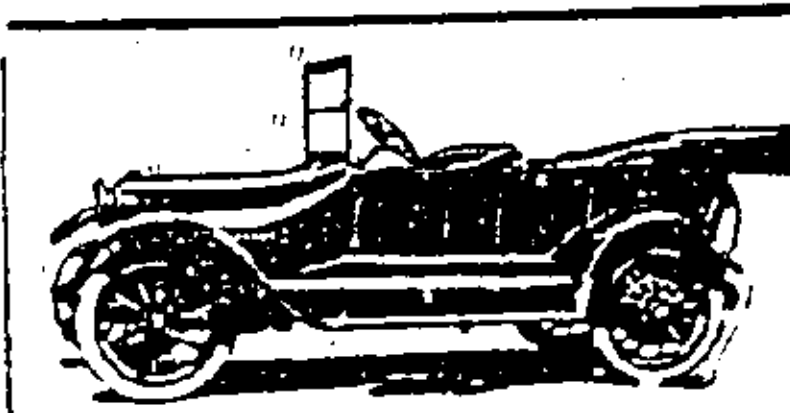
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1920.

THE CARNIVAL CANARD.

From anxiety and worry on Friday, we in Hongkong passed to relief and smiles on Saturday. Those profound-looking people who are always wise generally after an event—were going about with the usual "I told you so." Those who had been personally anxious for the safety of dear ones felt as though some great weight had been lifted off. The Manila "catastrophe" had proved nearly a "wash-out." True, the wild stories of Friday had foundation in fact. There was a fire and a big fire at that, there were a few people injured, some seriously, but there was, happily, no truth in the statements that were current on Friday that thousands of people had lost their lives and that another huge and grim tragedy had marred an occasion of merry-making. We can all afford to laugh now—laugh in our sense of freedom; but there is a serious side to it all.

Newspapers are generally blamed for a lot that they do not do. They are often credited with exaggeration; with making wild assertions without finding out the facts. In the case of the Manila "catastrophe" they are innocent—at least we are. It is just as well to point that out, and point it out strongly, because there are those who are always fond of trying to blame the papers. Just let us tell what happened. On Friday morning a reader came and told us that a cable had been received by some relatives of people who had gone to Manila, and the effect of that cable was that the carnival had been destroyed by fire and that there were many casualties. One of our staff was deputed to search that cable out and he did at least, he found the people who had received it. On every hand he heard wild rumours. He also heard that everybody who had gone from Hongkong were safe; that thousands of people had lost their lives; and he also discovered that the whole town was aghast with the news and as excited and apprehensive as it is possible to imagine. Newspapers have a duty to fulfil and that is to give news. So we wired our correspondent in Manila and asked him to cable us the facts. That cable never came until late Friday night, and so it was that in our Friday's edition we gave what little definite information we had and stated that the rest was all conjecture and rumour, of which we had no confirmation. We began the day on Saturday to discover, with a deal of pleasure, that the *South China Morning Post* had received a cable and had, by the publication of it, cleared up the story and set all minds at rest. On those facts we think that none will say that we can in any way be said to have added to the story that must have had its origin in the imaginative mind of some very clever person and then have spread like all rumour does. If Hongkong has suffered a needless scare, residents have only themselves to blame. This is by no means the first occasion on which a sensational story has turned out to be all "poodle-fake" and we don't suppose it will be the last. As a Colony, we seem to be that loves to make a story out of nothing and set it going on its way rejoicing among a folk that would take a first-class award in a competition for credulity. We always try to avoid being in the swim of easy believers, but it is sometimes hard not to be. People get so erroneously serious.

Newspapers don't want scares and rumours, although they are forced to repeat them, and if anyone thinks that we were happy in being able to publish the gist of Friday's rumours, he or she has a great deal to unlearn. We believe that the duty of a newspaper is to give facts and if that stream of facts is not kept pure, the result will be a people of muddled minds and foolish purposes. A newspaper should be as intent upon discovering facts as a chemist in a laboratory, but unfortunately, there are people who only obstruct instead of help. It has often been said that newspapers help to form and mould public opinion. That is true in a way, but one has also to remember that the public mould the newspaper a great deal more so. Newspapers have to be something like mirrors and reflect as well as try to be something in the nature of lights, and if people don't like what a newspaper reflects they had better change the image which is of their own making. It will be going out to the Far East in general that Hongkong had a violent scare and the Hongkong newspapers will be looked and laughed at. But the laugh should go farther; it should go to a goodly proportion of the community in general who fed the scare and who seemed to like its growth. There is nothing more disturbing than alarming rumour, and we take occasion to exhort the public of Hongkong generally to believe only those things of which there is reasonable proof. Many a scare could be avoided and many a reputation saved.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

It was a happy idea on the part of Mr. Jamieson, the British Consul General at Canton, to impart a little sound advice to Chinese students on the occasion of a recent prize distribution. He advised his hearers not to neglect their studies for outside affairs, told them they were too young and inexperienced to interfere with matters which concerned the government of the country, and proceeded to illustrate this point by saying that if they saw a man weaving cloth they would not presume to tell him how to weave it and for that reason should not interfere in matters of which they had little or no knowledge. These words came with peculiar appositeness in view of the recent student troubles in Canton and throughout China generally. It is common knowledge that hundreds of pupils "went on strike" over the Japanese boycott question, and that in Canton they went to the length of invading Chinese shops and the Customs sheds for the purpose of searching out and destroying "low grade" goods. In some parts of the country there were conflicts with the authorities, leading to scenes of great disorder and resulting in bloodshed. These youngsters could have no possible knowledge of the questions at issue, but they no doubt thought themselves real heroes by acting as they did. They were aping their elders, many of whom had set the worst possible example. The only punishment suited to their cases is a sound spanking and an extra dose of study after normal school hours.

CONTRASTS.

Movements of this type, unless checked, can easily lead to situations of the utmost seriousness. The trouble with many young Chinese to-day is that they are rather suffering from inflated ideas of their own importance. They see too many of the Western-educated type of young men strutting about and airing their views on any and every topic that arises, and from such as these they contract habits and manners which are in startling contrast to those of the Chinese gentlemen of the older school. Exuberance in youth is natural and praiseworthy so long as it is not directed into wrong channels. When it is, it cannot be too strongly denounced. Even here in Hongkong we have many of these bumptious, assertive young Chinese, who think that because they have donned the distinguishing dress of the "knit" and are acquainted with a few slang European phrases, they are the last word in humanity. Happily, we still have left a goodly sprinkling of the other type—men who must feel utterly ashamed of the asses these young upstarts are making of themselves. These latter are appraised at their real worth by the community generally, and we hope it will be many a long day before their influence ceases to be felt.

HONOUR TO WHOM.

The Army Council's praise of Lord Haig, on the occasion of the abolition of the General Headquarters in Great Britain, could not have been couched in more complimentary terms. "Never in the history of the British Empire has one officer been charged with so momentous a responsibility, and no other British officer, excepting Wellington, has brought to a victorious conclusion a campaign on the issue of which hung the very existence of the State." So says the Army Order, and Britishers everywhere will readily endorse the generous tribute. As a soldier, Haig covered himself with glory during the war. He towered head and shoulders above his contemporaries in the Army, and ever displayed those qualities of generalship, courage and calm deliberation which mark the real leader of men. He has had his detractors in arm-chair critics who know nothing about soldiering and never will. One of these even went the length of declaring that he was not a great soldier and that for anything that he did, credit must be given to Foch, under whom he worked. But happily his great abilities are universally acknowledged. What we owe to him can never be expressed in words. He still remains on the active list, and though we sincerely hope that the occasion may never again arise when he will be called upon to lead to battle, we hold the hope expressed so well by the Army Council that he may have a further long and successful career of public usefulness.

DAY BY DAY.

ALWAYS LAUGH WHEN YOU CAN; IT IS A CHEAP MEDICINE. MERRIMENT IS A PHILOSOPHY NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD. IT IS THE SUNNY SIDE OF EXISTENCE. —Byron.

Saturday's health returns show one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever, the victim being a Chinese.

Major and Mrs. Humphreys and Mr. D. E. Clarke were amongst the passengers who arrived to-day by the S.S. Kashmir.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 24 amounted to 97,267 tons and the sales during the period, to 79,015 tons.

Grateful thanks from the Hongkong Branch of the Ministering Childrens' League are due to Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., for a gift of 72 dolls for the annual bazaar.

A fine of \$250 was to-day imposed by Mr. N. L. Smith on a Chinese who attempted to smuggle into the country, via the Colony, 320 rounds of rifle ammunition and two daggers.

Mr. R. D. Holt, the well-known British shipping magnate, whose name is prominently associated with the Blue Funnel Line of steamers, arrived in the Colony this morning by the P. and O. Kashmir. Mrs. and Miss Holt are accompanying him.

In the final of the Golf Club Captain's Cup, played on Saturday, Mr. F. A. Redmond defeated Mr. W. D. Kraft after an exciting contest. The match was decided on the home green where Mr. Redmond, with a half in four, won by one up.

The S.S. "War Coronet" was launched at noon on Saturday from the Taikeo building yard, the naming ceremony being gracefully performed by Mrs. G. M. Dodwell as the vessel commenced to move down the ways. This vessel is the fourth of the 8,000-ton deadweight standard steamers built by the Company to the order of the Ministry of Shipping.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDEN PARTY.

TO MEN RETURNED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

On Saturday afternoon at Government House was held the Garden Party given by His Excellency the Governor to those Hongkong men who left the Colony for active service during the war and who have since returned. It was unfortunate that the weather proved to be inclement, in consequence of which the garden party arrangements had to be cancelled and the function became an indoor one.

There were over 150 invitations sent out to men and their wives, and in addition to these a large number of the Colony's chief residents and officials were invited. The guests were received by His Excellency the Governor, and then passed on to take tea and refreshments on the balconies and to listen to a fine programme of music by the band of the Wiltshire Regiment. Everything was done to make the occasion enjoyable, but the weather was a big handicap.

INVESTITURE.

Prior to the Garden Party, an Investiture was held, when the following were invested with the Order of the British Empire—Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Mr. Arthur George Murchison Fletcher.

Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Mrs. Ethel Stabb, Mrs. Alice Hickling, Mr. James Arthur Edward Bullock, and Mr. George Macdonald Young.

100,000 NEW SUBSIDY HOUSES.

Dr. Addison, Minister of Health, informed Sir Frederick Hall, in the House of Commons recently that it was hoped 100,000 houses would be provided under the new subsidy scheme. Answering other questions, Dr. Addison said the Board of Health had experimented with wooden houses and houses built of rammed earth. Sir John Rees suggested that the wooden huts up, and down the country should be utilised. Mr. W. Thorne: Are these houses for the working classes?

CURRENT COIN.

(BY "MERCATOR.")

For a damning indictment of the incompetence of the Hongkong Government, and its absolute want of sense of business, commend me to the report of its trial of the rice supplies. Seldom has any Government of a Colony issued such an account of the way it has mismanaged the affairs of the public in a certain branch. Everything that I had written in these columns has been proven to the hilt by the confessions of the Government itself. The rice control scheme of the Hongkong Government will ever stand as a monument of finance run mad. It will be remembered that I had forecasted that the loss we should be called upon to bear would be between three and four million dollars. The Report states that the loss so far is "well over two million dollars." The Government apparently does not wish to give us more shocks than are safe for our health. Why cannot we be given the exact amount already suffered? Well over \$2,000,000 may mean \$2,999,999. The ways of Governments are a secret to us. The Straits Government sold us 27,500 tons of rice, and eventually found that they had 13,750 tons, having sold the difference to the Netherlands Indies! Had the Straits Government been dealing with a firm of merchants they would have had to suffer for their mistake.

We are told in the Report that the Government sold 10,000 tons on consignment to America. The public are entitled to more details. Was it a sale or was it a consignment? It cannot be the same at one and the same time. The Government, I know, suffered previously in having sold rice to Havana under wrong destination. It is remarkable that the Controller had sold 3,500 tons of Saigon long when as a matter of fact he had only 500 tons. The explanation given is not satisfactory. Some care should have been exercised to ascertain that the different qualities or grades were in the godowns when the sales were made. As it was, this want of a little ordinary care has cost the Colony \$140,000. Was the fault that of any of those gentlemen who have been mentioned as having rendered valuable services to the Controller? We are told that when Mr. Hutchison was put in charge of the general control of the rice position five of the leading rice merchants were invited to join the committee to arrange the purchase of rice for local consumption. Who were these rice merchants? I know that some of these rice merchants referred to were rice dealers. Was it not a fact after these worthy gentlemen had been consulted by the Government they knew when the Government were about to make purchases, and as a result, the price of rice went up instead of going down? It would have been better had the Government appointed a committee of business men with a general knowledge of local conditions and not interested in rice. These men would have been in a position not only to guide the Government in controlling prices but also in the sale of the rice and the general conduct of the scheme. I had foreseen this and pointed it out long ago.

With the approach of the Chinese New Year, business in general is at a standstill. This is the time of the year that the Chinese merchants close their books. Money is consequently very tight, the Chinese banks calling in all their loans and the Chinese merchants being over-anxious to dispose of their stocks even at rates lower than the ruling quotations. As much as 35 per cent. is being offered as interest for temporary accommodations. The last settlement on the local Stock Exchange was a good pointer to the state of the financial market. Although the settlement was a small one and nothing compared to that of December, it was a most difficult one to negotiate, as the Chinese banks, who have all along fed the gamble in shares, were not disposed to give anything on shares. All is well that ends well, and happily for the brokers concerned, things were tidied over.

There is a big movement of peanuts, peanut oil, camphor and rice at present from Hongkong. The rice shipments are mostly to America and the same applies to the other products mentioned. The rising exchange is not conducive to business in the export line, and the offers from London are not up to the ideas of the local sellers. It is interesting to see how America is capturing some of the special lines of China. Lard is one of the

items. Refined lard is being sent to England from America at rates which the Hongkong merchant cannot compete with. London buyers are therefore, not willing to pay more for unrefined lard. Owing to the uncertainty of deliveries, import merchants are in a predicament. Local stocks are well held. Mercantile houses in Hongkong are booking orders without a definite promise as to date of delivery and at prices ruling at time of shipment, as manufacturers at home are refusing to take orders in many lines unless the customer is willing to consent to shipment at an indefinite time. What is really making for dearer money at present is the fact that considerable sums are locked up in cargoes. For instance, in tin alone the Chinese merchants have invested ten million dollars. When all this cargo is disposed of we should witness a plethora of cash on the local market.

The Hongkong Government recently passed orders that dyes may not be imported from enemy countries. This is protection of a new type. The great success which German dyes scored in the Dutch East Indian market was due not so much to unusual qualities in the dyes as to the fact that qualified German chemists who spoke the native languages were constantly employed as salesmen. These experts gave instructions in the best methods and where any doubt existed they cheerfully bought at full market price textiles that had been treated with their dyes. Are we going back to these methods, or are we going back once more to the fatal "take it, or leave it" which did so much to cripple British trade in the pre-war days? I hope the result of the Government order will not be that dealers would be compelled to take inferior dyes from inexperienced dye manufacturers.

The rice crops of the producing countries do not promise well this year, and already the control scheme is being again applied in many places. I am afraid that the Hongkong Government will have to put the control machinery into operation this year. That by the way. The Government of India, I notice, have announced the terms of its rice control for 1920. Its main features are that Burma rice will be rationed for all countries, and the Rice Commissioner will take an important part in the transactions, both as regards the destination of the rice and the price. The ration figures for the various countries to which supplies have usually gone will doubtless depend on their relative needs. Thus the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States, which have been hard hit by the failure in Siam and Ceylon, which largely depend on Burma, will have a good claim to a big share to what is available.

So far as can be judged from the information available, there is likely to be this year a considerable shortage in the world supply of cereals and there are already signs that there will be a keen demand for all the available supplies of the world's rice crops, in spite of the moderating influences of a high rate of exchange and high rates of freight. Prices may go to a level the limit of which it is difficult to forecast. It is evident if the retail price of rice rises to an excessive height there is danger of considerable hardship to the consumer. A point also which cannot be overlooked is the danger of over-export which might result in undue competition of the food stocks of the country as has recently happened in Siam. The Hongkong Government should watch the rice situation carefully, and to make certain of retaining the essential food stocks in the country and see that prices do not rise above the level which while yielding a profit to the importer will not cause real hardship and arouse the danger of discontent.

It is not only the Hongkong Government that commits blunders in commercial transactions. In Australia the Government was roused from her sleep by a noise occasioned by the robbers opening the door. The next instant, before she had come fully to her senses, a man armed with a revolver seized hold of her and pressed her to the ground. Two other men who followed him in, and holding torches, began to ransack the hut and stole clothing and jewellery to the extent of \$57.60. After the robbers had taken their departure, the woman made a report to the Police of the robbery, in which she states that the robbers spoke the Hakka dialect.

NAVAL NOTES.

The arrival of H.M.S. "Cairo" adds yet another ship to the rapidly-growing China Squadron. Very soon we shall have sufficient ships on the Station to revive our pre-war organisations, such as Fleet Regattas, sports etc., etc., and witness a renewal of the keen sportsmanlike rivalry traditional to the British Navy.

I notice that the rumour about Three Year Commissions is still alive. It has been reported dead several times, but has again cropped up from the usual untraceable source. Anything less desirable than three year commissions is difficult to imagine. The Army and other Services are blessed with the privilege of the company of their families, no matter what the station; but not so the R.N., and it is undoubtedly a fact that two years is quite long enough for a man to be away from home.

This, in my opinion, should be one of the foremost planks of the Lower Deck Welfare Committee, although at the same time I suppose it would be difficult for some of the "Barrack Stauchions," who will probably serve on the Welfare Committee, to appreciate that fact.

It is worthy of note that one of the claims put forward on behalf of the men of the R.N. is that 42 days' leave be granted for each complete year of foreign service. Quite right and proper too, and by no means too much to ask.

The *Hampshire Telegraph* in publishing a further increase of pay to the Navy ranging from 2d to 3d a day was somewhat belated, and to say the least, misleading. The increase referred to was awarded some two years ago and has already been absorbed in the various daily rates of pay.

I have lately experienced the pleasure of reading that bright little journal, *Nit Desperandum*, published in H.M.S. "Hawkins". In this, as in most things, the "Hawkins" has again given the lead to the China Fleet. It contains full details of all sports, lower deck affairs, and various contributions by the ship's company of considerable more interest than the average modern magazine.

Surely a *China Squadron Journal* could be run on similar lines, wherein could be published all results of fleet gunnery, prize firing, boat racing, football, and all those matters of so much interest to everyone, yet about which authentic information is invariably lacking.

The Social Clubs of "Ambrose", "Carlisle" and "Hawkins" are remarkably well organised affairs and a boon to members during their sojourn on the China Station. I look forward to the time when everyone in the Service will have joined in this movement. At present clubs have apparently been formed by Chief and Petty Officers only, but I anticipate an early extension, embodying all ratings. There is every facility for this kind of thing, and support from every conceivable quarter, and I sincerely hope the day is not very far distant when Hongkong will be able to boast of its Naval Club.

It is understood that a boat race is shortly to take place between "Hawkins" and "Alacrity". The course and stakes are not decided yet, but I welcome the first of these sporting challenges; it savours of the good old Navy, and I predict an exceptionally close race.

DAVEY JONES.

ARMED ROBBERY.

IN NEW TERRITORIES.

A report has reached the Police of an armed robbery carried out by three men on the house of a widow in the Tak Tam An Village, New Territories. At about 5.30 p.m. on the 7th instant, she was roused from her sleep by a noise occasioned by the robbers opening the door. The next instant, before she had come fully to her senses, a man armed with a revolver seized hold of her and pressed her to the ground. Two other men who followed him in, and holding torches, began to ransack the hut and stole clothing and jewellery to the extent of \$57.60. After the robbers had taken their departure, the woman made a report to the Police of the robbery, in which she states that the robbers spoke the Hakka dialect.

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After the minutes of the last general meeting, were read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having been in your possession for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The profit on trading for the year amounts to \$47,026.02 as against \$27,546.14 last year, and including the interest on investments and the carry forward from last year, there is an amount available for distribution of \$62,438.75. I feel sure that this result will be satisfactory to you and that you will also approve of the allocation recommended in the report. There has naturally been a great increase in the demand for water, due to the return to the port of a large quantity of tonnage diverted during the war, and also of course to fresh tonnage making use of the port, and our boats have been very hard put to it to cope with this demand. During the year a new water-boat has been contracted for which should be ready next month, while, to enable us to efficiently deal with the estimated requirements of the port, a further boat will be constructed, probably during the latter part of this year. Last year you will remember that \$9,000 was placed to special repairs account towards the cost of certain replating that would be necessary when the cost of steel became more reason-

able. Unfortunately, owing to the demand, the pressure on the boats has been too great to allow of this work being done last year, but it will be commenced immediately the first new boat is in commission, and in the meantime your superintendent is satisfied that the delay in carrying out these repairs will not adversely affect the life of the boats. It is not necessary to increase this special repair fund, which is considered sufficient for purposes for which it was set aside. You will notice that we have to write off \$1,896 from investments to bring them down to their market value on 31st December. I think, gentlemen, that the report and accounts call for no further comment from me, and I therefore beg to propose that they be adopted as circulated. After they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may desire to ask.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded by Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar. Mr. B. Brown was appointed auditor at the fee of \$200 per annum.

LARGE FRENCH FAMILIES.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The French Academy has already received 20,000 applications for the "Cognac prizes," which are presented yearly to the parents of the largest families. One of them is the Roger family of Houilles, which consists of 27 children of whom 18 are alive to-day. Some of the sons died in the war. The father is a shepherd and the mother works in a factory. The eldest child is 40 years old, while the youngest is only two. Since there are only 90 prizes of 25,000 francs each to give away it is probable that no candidate with less than 12 and perhaps 15 children will be successful.

MISSING TROPHIES.

FROM THE CHINA STATION

We have received a Reuter's telegram to-day stating that the Admiralty is appealing for information of the whereabouts of eight Naval cups or trophies for competition among ships of the China Station, which have disappeared. These trophies are as follows:—

1. Weihaiwei Challenge Cup. (5-oared whalers, engine room ratings.)
2. Dorward Challenge Cup. (Rifle teams.)
3. R. N. Canteen Revolver Challenge Cup. (For lower deck ratings.)
4. Small Ships' Football League Challenge Cup. (ships with complements of under 300.)
5. Griffith Challenge Cup. (Rifle teams from West River Gunboats.)
6. Hongkong Football Challenge Shield. (Teams from ships garrison etc. at Hongkong.)
7. Weihaiwei Football Challenge shield. (Teams from ships and the Island Guard at W.H.W.)
8. Fox Challenge Cup. (Tug of war teams from West River Gunboats.)

1. Presented by (unknown).
2. Presented by Major General Sir A. Dorward, K.C.B., D.S.O.
3. Presented by R.N. Canteen, Hongkong.

4. Presented by (unknown).
5. Presented by T. E. Griffith Esq., Canton.
6. Presented by Hongkong Football Club.
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Any ship or depot having any of these is requested to forward them to the S. N. O., Portsmouth, who has been asked to forward them to Hongkong at the first convenient opportunity, and any officer able to give information in regard to the whereabouts of any of them is requested to communicate with the Flag Captain, c/o the Commander-in-Chief, China Station.

NO CHEAPER WHISKY OR BEER. Was there any hope of a better and cheaper supply of spirits and beer in view of Christmas? asked Captain R. Terrell in the House of Commons on December 19. Mr. McCurdy, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food, said that according to the Food Controller's information, the present supplies of both were fully adequate to meet all reasonable requirements. No reduction in prices was possible for the moment.

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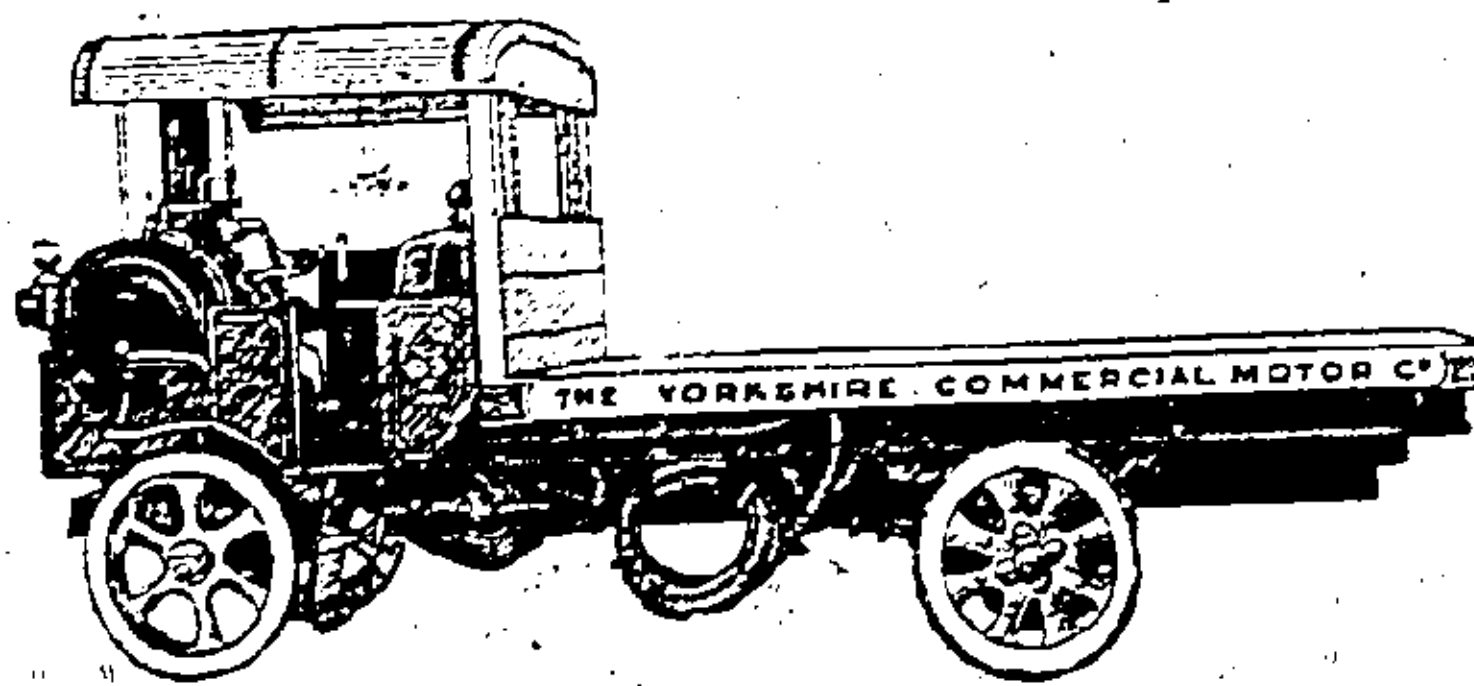
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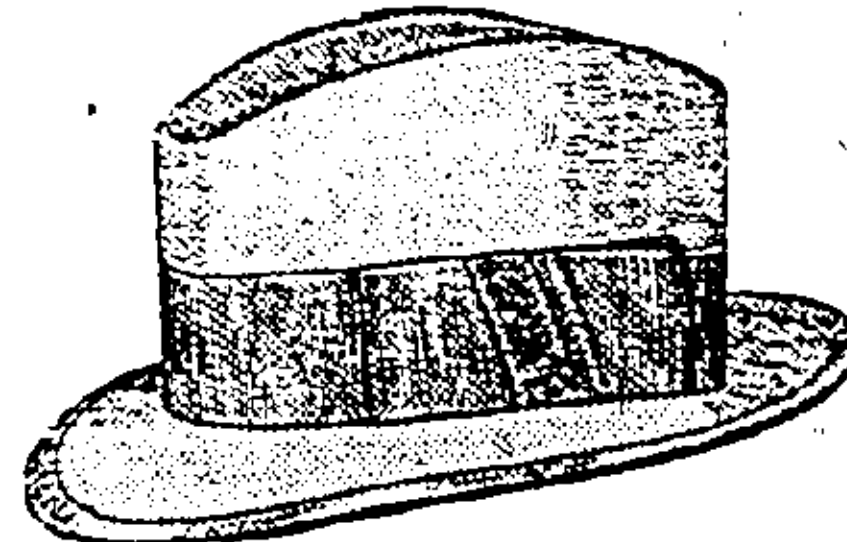
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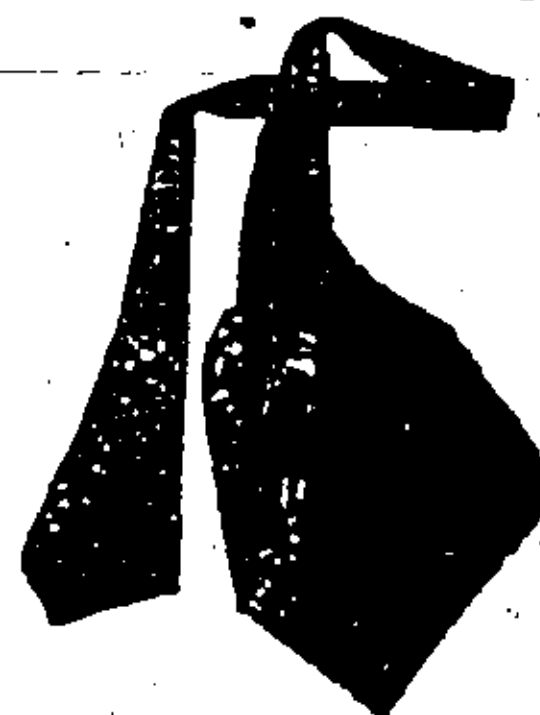
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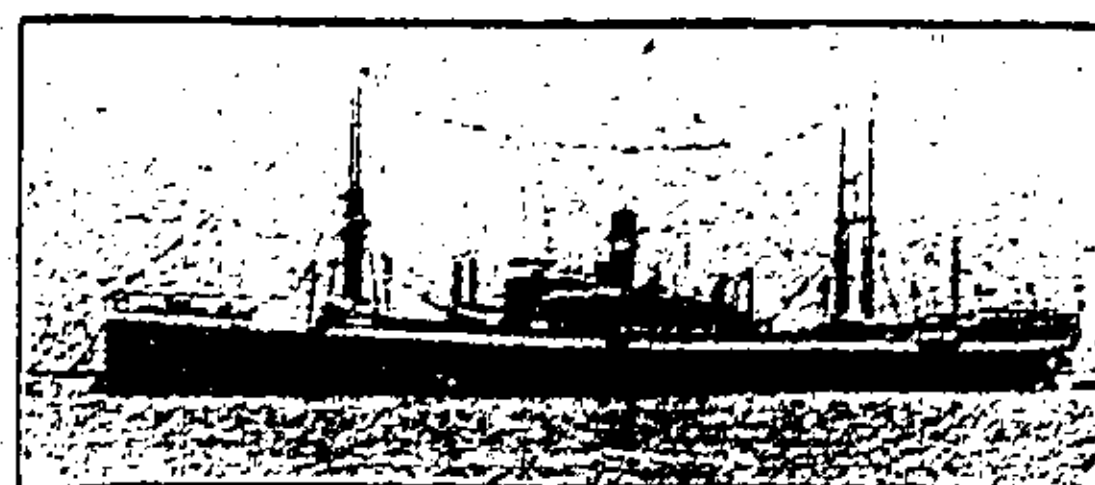
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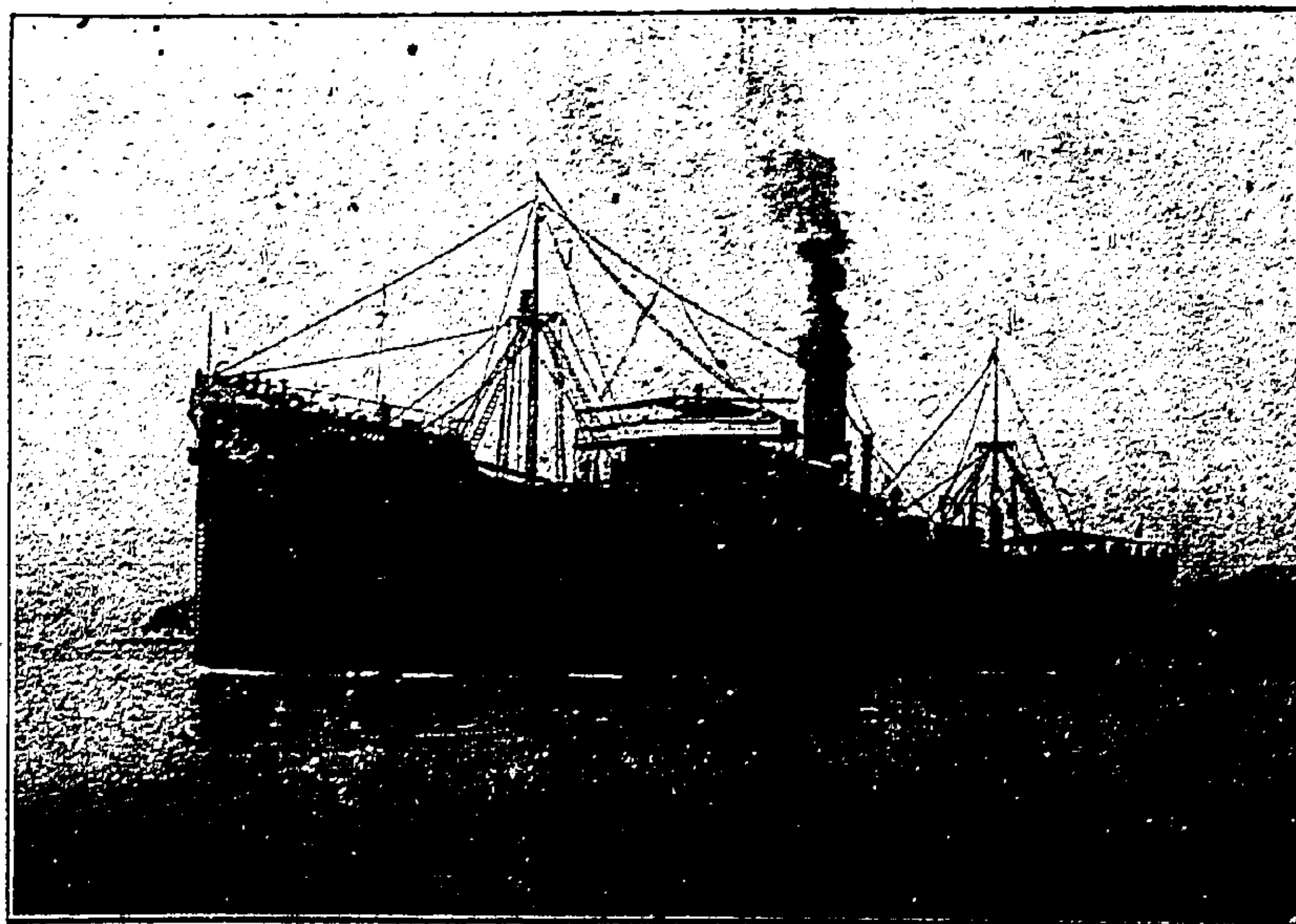
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FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The football matches played on Saturday resulted as follows:—

SHIELD COMPETITION.
H.M.S. Hawkins, 0; South China, 0.

2nd DIVISION LEAGUE.
Kowloon, 4; South China "A", 0.
St. Joseph's (Res), 7; Indian R.C., 0.
Staffs and Depts, 5; South China "B", 0.

A great crowd assembled at the Valley and the Grand Stand was packed when the two senior teams took the field. Everybody anticipated a keen game and Hawkins were favourites. There was a marked disparity between the teams physically, as Hawkins were a very hefty lot compared with their opponents, but there was no undue advantage taken of this, although Hawkins' weight was very useful on many occasions. The ship team turned out at full strength, and South China were without their clever left winger, Kwok Po-kun, who should have played vice Au Kit-sang, as this latter player, while at times playing good football, marred his display by senseless gallery tactics and paid too much attention to the man to the detriment of his side. Cheung Wing-hon appeared at right half, his place at back being taken by a reserve. Both teams had a great reception when Bonham Carter kicked off for the Navy side, and a promising movement by the Navy left wing had the Chinese defence in a tangle. The inside left, with a good chance, skied over the bar. From the kick out, the ball travelled to Ko Kin-fan on the right and this player beat the defence with a smart run and crossing smartly Ip Kam was robbed in the nick of time. The next item was a delightful bit of combination by the Hawkins' forwards, led by Bonham Carter, the ball travelling smartly along, Cunliffe being robbed close in on the point of scoring. Hawkins were very dangerous hereabouts, and Bonham Carter headed against the post in a very exciting melee but offside relieved the pressure. Again Hawkins got going and Webb, with a good chance, put outside. South China now brightened, and for about five or six minutes gave the Hawkins' defence a trying time. Leung Yuk-tong had very hard lines with a neat hook shot just over the bar, and Ip Kam also sent just outside. Hawkins did not like the situation and from a fine kick by Edwards, the ball was taken to the other end, and a likely movement was checked by the Chinese right back, who, with a beautiful kick, sent his forwards going, but further monkeying by Au Kit-sang spoilt the movement. The Hawkins forced two corners near the interval, which were well placed, but China packed their goal and the interval came with no score.

The spectators had been treated to a rousing first half and the pace set in the second half was equally as fast. Ko Kin-fan first became dangerous with a nice dribble and then the Hawkins' left wing, Cunliffe and Stewart, executed a fine movement, but a grand bit of goalkeeping by China's goalie saved the situation. Au Kit-sang made a splendid run up the left wing and finished with a shot just outside. The game hereabouts was extremely exciting and Wilkie raised the enthusiasm of the crowd with a fine effort, the big centre-half going right through with the ball, but sterling defence by China saved the situation. China again attacked desperately, giving Edwards a chance to display fine kicking powers. Au Kit-sang on the left and Ko Kin-fan the extreme winger, led many likely bursts, but China centre-forward who had a severe shaking in the first half, was in distress and the ride was greatly handicapped. A free was awarded Hawkins in the penalty area, but it looked from the stand as if the free should have been given to China, as the right half-back certainly handled the ball, and the decision caused a slight surprise. Apparently the referee saw some preceding irregu-

larity against China. This was South China's best chance as from the free taken by Wilson, the half back, who handled, the Hawkins' forwards broke away in great style and a glorious chance was missed by Harris close in, time arriving with a blank score sheet.

The game was a splendid one and strongly reminiscent of good old style amateur football, excepting that the defences on both sides were much superior to the attack. Neither goalie had much to do, but the play of Edwards, left back, and the China left back was first class. The Hawkins' halves were bigger and better than the Chinese, Wilson and Wilkie being fine players, and Leung Dai-fung playing a strong game. Cheung Wing-hon in his new position did well, and the left half, whose usual position is inside left, did many good things. Both sets of forwards were disappointing and were below the standard of the team. The Hawkins' forward line is nicely balanced, but not above the average. Bonham Carter, Cunliffe and Stewart being the pick. Leung Yuk-tong, Ip Kam and Ko Kin-fan were the pick of a rather ineffective line, the centre-forward being hurt for the greater part of the game, and Kwok Po-kun would have strengthened the team. Au Kit-sang did well at times, but most of his work was not football. The teams will replay on Wednesday week. Lt. Snook was in charge of the game.

THE LEAGUE MATCHES.

The remaining matches in the Second Division attracted very little attention, by virtue of the fact that in all the matches the result was a foregone conclusion. The fact that 16 goals were scored without response, indicates the run of the play. Kowloon, who played Knight vice Wheeler at back, and Hamilton vice Mitchell at centre-half, had an extremely soft thing on with South China "A" and the chief feature of this match outside of the fact that Kowloon should have scored many more, was a fine effort by Rasmussen who scored the first three goals by dashing tactics. Millard added to the score in the second half and Kowloon emerged very easy winners, albeit they should remember that these soft matches should provide an opportunity to improve their continuation, whereas the reverse was the case and all the forwards appeared to have a strong inclination to "be" goal-scoring, many good chances being lost by football of the gallery order. Mr. Birkenshaw was in charge of the game.

The Staffs and Departments v. South China "B" was another end-of-the-season game and consisted of repeated efforts by the Staffs' forwards to score, and more or less good defence by the China rear division, in which the goalkeeper, left back and centre-half certainly improved their reputations. Wood got the first goal very easily and Townsend scored the next two and as many more owing to the inconstant shooting and carelessness. Estoff also scored, and there was only one team in it to the interval. In the second half the Chinese played a little better, but Staffs always held the whiphand and Townsend again got through, a poor game ending in a win for the military side by 5 goals to nil.

The St. Joseph's and Indian R.C. game was a very good one and St. Joseph's, with Silva, Urquhart and his brother, and Rahmin of the first eleven playing, had no difficulty in winning against the juvenile side representing the I. K. C. Urquhart scored 3 goals and Silva, by strong individual efforts, obtained 4, but the game was not so one-sided as the score would indicate, as the Indians made many spirited bursts, and but for a good display of goalkeeping by St. Joseph's goalie and fine work by Urquhart they would have scored on several occasions. The Indian defence was not so good as their attack and the Senior players on the College side made a big difference. Mr. Coaker was in charge of the game.

QUILZ.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG CLUB. RESULTS.

The seventh Championship event for racing yachts was sailed off on Saturday in drizzling rain and a variable wind. The wind changing during the racing caused nearly all the sailing to be done with a free wind and brought about some interesting results. "Colleen" secured her first win in the Handicaps by saving her time whilst "Jessica" tho' 2nd over the line could not save her time to two yachts. "Ailsa" scored her fourth win. "Daphne" and "Haleyon" being too interested in their own immediate contest, let her slip away to win by a good margin. "Dawn" beat "Ursula" outright and got her first win, whilst "Sirius" was successful in saving her time and secured second place. "Joan" tho' finishing in front could not save her time from "Ursula" who by notching her first win improved her chances of securing 2nd position in the Championship. The Handicaps sailed the N. Fairway Bay (S. Stonecutters) S. course of 10 miles and the other classes Stonecutters (S. 9 miles).

HANDICAP CLASS.

Yachts	on	ing	rected
Course	Time	Time	Time
Daphne	0'50"	5'03'07"	5'03'37"
Ursula	1'40"	4'36'04"	4'57'44"
Jessica	1'40"	5'02'16"	5'00'35"
Dorothy	5'00"	5'02'47"	4'57'47"
Colleen	7'30"	5'03'44"	4'56'14"
Diana	7'30"	D.N.S.	
Ayesha	7'30"	D.N.S.	

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
1. Colleen	8	31
2. Rola	6	42
3. Dorothy	3	41
4. Jessica	4	27
5. Diana	3	35
6. Ayesha		

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Yachts	on	ing	rected
Course	Time	Time	Time
Ailsa	2'15"	5'18'09"	5'20'24"
Bonita	scratch	5'20'09"	5'20'36"
Daphne	2'15"	5'27'19"	5'25'34"
Haleyon	scratch	5'26'54"	5'26'54"

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
1. Ailsa	5	26
2. Haleyon	3	19
3. Daphne	2	24
4. Bonita	1	6

KEYWARD HAYS CLASS.

Yachts	on	ing	rected
Course	Time	Time	Time
Sirius	scratch	5'35'33"	5'35'33"
Ursula	scratch	5'33'12"	5'37'42"
Dawn	scratch	5'39'34"	5'39'34"
Liza	scratch	D.N.S.	
Owl	scratch	D.N.S.	

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
1. Dawn	6	23
2. Sirius	4	36
3. Ursula	3	24
4. Liza	0	5
5. Owl	0	0

GAIL CLASS.

Yachts	on	ing	rected
Course	Time	Time	Time
Gael	scratch	5'31'33"	5'31'33"
Tommett	scratch	5'35'09"	5'35'09"
Joan	scratch	5'39'14"	5'39'14"
Theda	scratch	D.N.S.	
Asthore	2'15"	D.N.S.	
Dorothy	2'15"	D.N.S.	

Position	Points for Race	Points to Date
1. Gael	5	33
2. Joan	5	41
3. Tommett	1	36
4. Theda	0	11
5. Asthore	0	00
6. Dorothy	0	00

AVIATION.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI MESSAGES.

The Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce forwards us the following telegrams dealing with aviation between Hongkong and Shanghai:—
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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Exchange will be closed for business on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th inst. By Order of the Committee.
W. LOGAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

The chartered S.S. "Bangkok" will take cargo for Calcutta and will sail direct for above mentioned Port on or about the 14th inst. For further particulars, please apply to:—

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Hongkong, 9th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that owing to the death of Mr. B.D. KAPTEYN the undersigned Ponies entered in his name to run at the forthcoming Race Meeting have been sold by Public Auction and will run in the interest and colours of the purchasers as follows:—
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T. F. HOUGH,
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Hongkong, February 6th, 1920.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 7th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Monday 16th February, 1920, in the rooms of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 18 Chater Road.
Business:—To receive the Committee's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
To elect a new Committee for the ensuing year.
Any other business that may arise.
H. B. L. DOWBIGGIN,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

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Between Young Maher, ex-Driver R.G.A. (Holder) and Sergt. Ward, R.N.Y.P. (Challenger).
- 6 Round Middleweight Contest.
Between E. R. A. Sergeant, H.M.S. Ambrose and Seaman Willoughby, H.M.S. Hawkins.
- 6 Round Lightweight Contest.
Between Ship's Cook North, H.M.S. Carlisle and Corporal Cook, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Hawkins.
- 6 Round Featherweight Contest.
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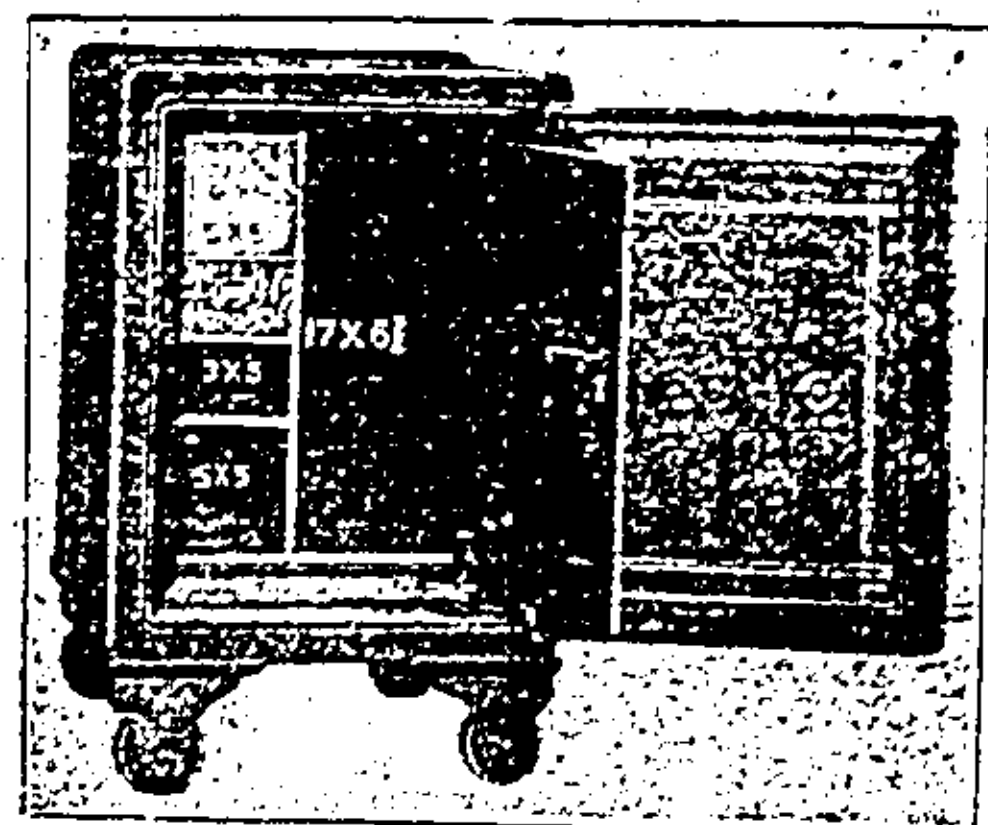
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CRICKET.

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CRAIGENGOWER.	
R. Basa, not out	52
S. Jex, c Tomory, b Rhodes	2
F. Thompson, hit wicket, b Rhodes	4
C. Kennedy, b Connor	1
W. Hall, c sub, b Rhodes	7
U. Omar, b Theyers, b Rhodes	0
Y. Abbas, b Connor	2
H. Ramsay, b Connor	1
M. Pinna, b Connor	1
T. Pitt, b Connor	1
L. Rose, c Tomory, b Connor	4
Extras	4

Total 79
Bowling: O. M. R. W.

Connor	10.3	2	35	6
Rhodes	19	1	35	4
Coles	1	0	5	0

STAFFS AND DEPARTMENTS.

Lt. Col. Coles, not out	50
Pte. Rhodes, run not	0
Humphrey, b Kennedy	17
Pte. Filmer, run out	13
Sgt. Connor, lb.w. b Omar	0
Capt. McCauley, c and b Kennedy	1
Capt. Tomory, c Hull, b Omar	14
Cpl. Gleny, c sub, b Omar	1
S.S. Theyers, c Jex, b Kennedy	0
Sgt. McKechnie, b Omar	1
Extras	1

Total 101
Bowling: O. M. R. W.

Omar	10.3	0	45	4
Kennedy	10.2	5	3	

KOWLOON v. H.K.C.C.

Played on the H.K.C.C. ground, this game resulted in a draw. Batting first, the Club was slow in scoring. The board read as follows: One for 0, two for 39, three for 80, four 80. Play then became brisk and the innings was closed at 191 for eight wickets. Raworth's 25 c comprised six fours, and Mackenzie's 27 a six and 4 fours. Kowloon opened their innings well and eventually drew with a score of 115 for five wickets. Scores:

HONGKONG C.C.	
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Robinson b James	0
C. Blaken, run out	20
R. A. Brand, run out	13
E. W. Day, c Souza b Stalker	44
A. B. Raworth, c Macaskill b Ramsay	29
M. M. Maas, b Stalker	2
A. K. Mackenzie, c and b James	5
A. L. Burnie, c Overy, b Ramsay	31
P. James, not out	8
W. Mackenzie, not out	27
Extras	12

Total (for 8 wks.) 191
D. E. Donnelly did not bat.

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.	
James	14 2 45 2
Pestonji	7 3 17 0
Stalker	11 2 54 2
Bruga	3 0 22 0
Overy	4 0 20 0
Ramsay	4 0 19 2

KOWLOON C.C.

J. V. Braga, b Donnelly	25
D. M. Goodall, b Day	42
C. P. James, b Donnelly	21
K. R. Macaskill, not out	3
A. W. Ramsay, b Donnelly	1
J. Stalker, b Day	13
Extras	13

Total (for 5 wks.) 115
Weaser, Pestonji, de Souza, Overy and Robinson did not bat.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

THE DISASTERS OF PEACE.

Mr. Justice Gompertz presided this morning over the Bankruptcy Court.

Mr. Lewis appeared to apply for a receiving order in the case of the Shiu Wo Cheung firm and Law Man on. He said that this was a creditor's petition. An interim order had been made in the case. There were assets. The book debts in Hongkong were \$35,000. The debtors were merchants, and although they had done very well in their one business, with the signing of the Armistice, contracts were broken. The Puisne Judge:—In other words, the disasters of peace came on them? (Laughter).

Mr. Davidson:—Yes, my Lord. Continuing, Mr. Davidson said that the books were at present in the hands of Mr. Seth. A sum of \$2,000 was in his possession. There were also book debts in other countries. Mr. Seth had received a letter from Australia from a firm admitting large amounts, but no remittances had been received. The exchange between Hongkong and Australia was against the firm in Hongkong. He would, therefore, ask his Lordship to make a receiving order. The request was granted.

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.	
Brand	6 2 20 0
Day	9.42 55 2
Raworth	4 0 17 0
Donnelly	7 0 13 3

R.G.A. v. R.E. & I.A.

This match, which was played on the Military ground, was unfortunately abandoned on Saturday, owing to the rain, and will have to be re-played. Otherwise it should have proved a most interesting match, as the contestants are strong teams qualifying for the League championship. R.E.'s declared their innings closed at 171 for six, and R.G.A. had scored 25 for no wickets when the rain came on. The incomplete scores are:

R. E. AND I. A.

Capt. Gray, b Bagnall	21
Major Greenaway, c Talfourd b Davies	9
Major Edwards, b Davies	1
Col. Taylor, b Bagnall	5
Major Middlemas, c Olliver b Davies	16
Lt. Hammond, c Davies b Bagnall	0
Capt. Wahl, not out	35
Lt. Clauson, not out	61
Extras	13

Total (for 6 wks.) 171
Lt. Larkcom, Capt. Murray and Sergt. Smith did not bat.

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.	
Davies	20 3 77 3
Bagnall	14 2 53 3
Olliver	6 1 28 0

R. G. A.

Capt. Olliver, not out	17
Mr. Gnr. Talfourd, not out	6
Extras	2

Total (for no wks.) 25
Bowling: O. M. R. W.

Middlemas	3 1 12 0
Hammond	3 1 11 0

THE LEAGUE TABLE.

P. W. L. D. P.	
R.G.A.	5 6 0 0 18
Kowloon	7 3 2 2 11
R.E. and I.A.	4 3 0 1 10
Civil Service	8 2 2 4 10
Staffs	6 3 3 0 9
L.R.C.	6 2 2 2 8
H.K.C.C.	6 1 2 3 6
Navy	6 1 2 3 6
C.R.C.	6 1 4 1 4
University	6 1 5 0 3
Craigen-gower	3 0 1 2 2

CIVIL SERVICE 2ND V.

WILTSHIRES "A" CO.

This friendly game, played on Saturday on the Civil Service ground, was won by the Civil Servants. Batting first, the Civil Service made 131 runs. Burden's 36 was the highest score individually. The Wiltshires replied with 118.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 19th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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No Claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon the 15th of February, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 18th of February, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th February at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Insurance whatsoever has been effected.

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1920.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th inst. at 10 a.m. by Goddard & Douglas.

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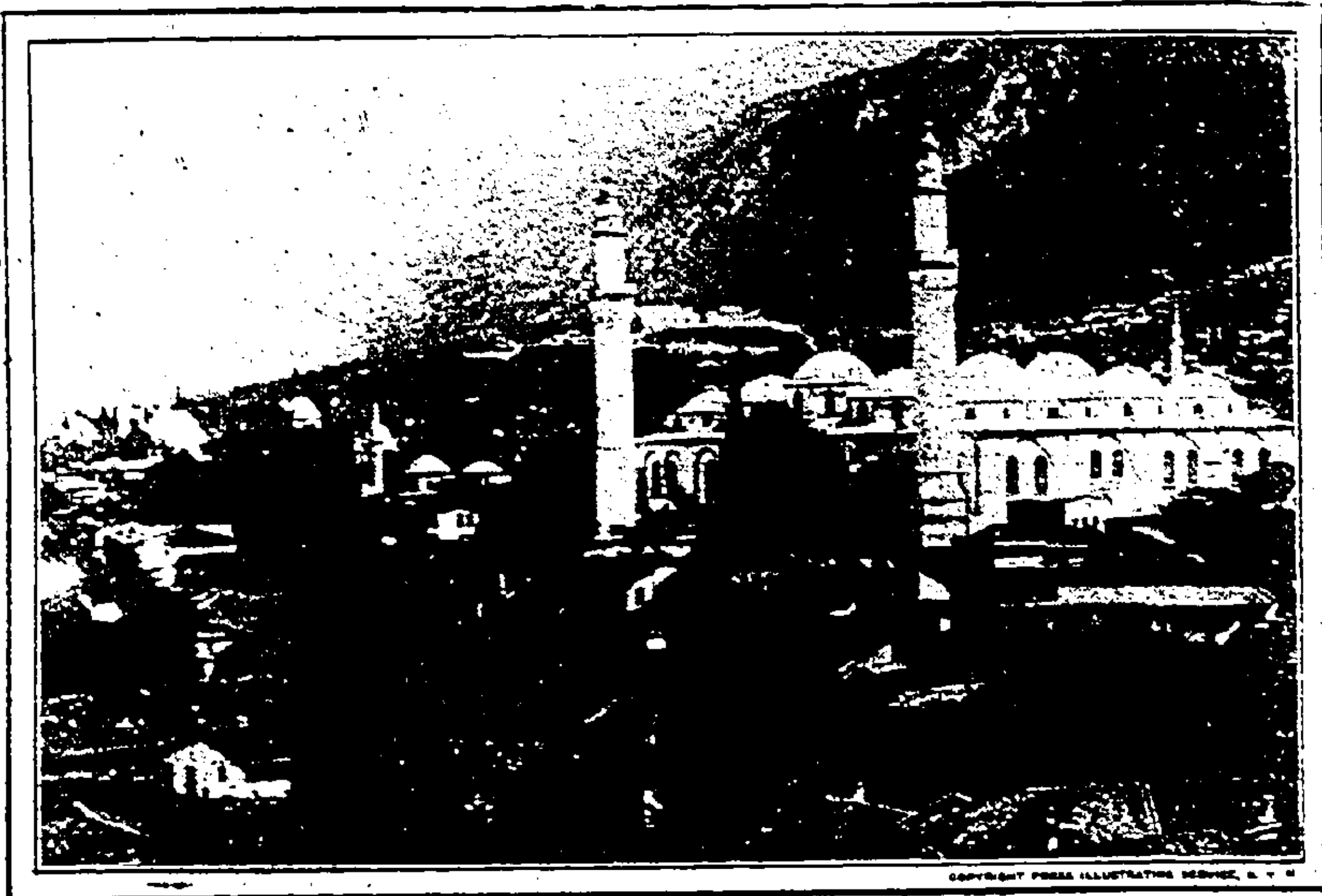
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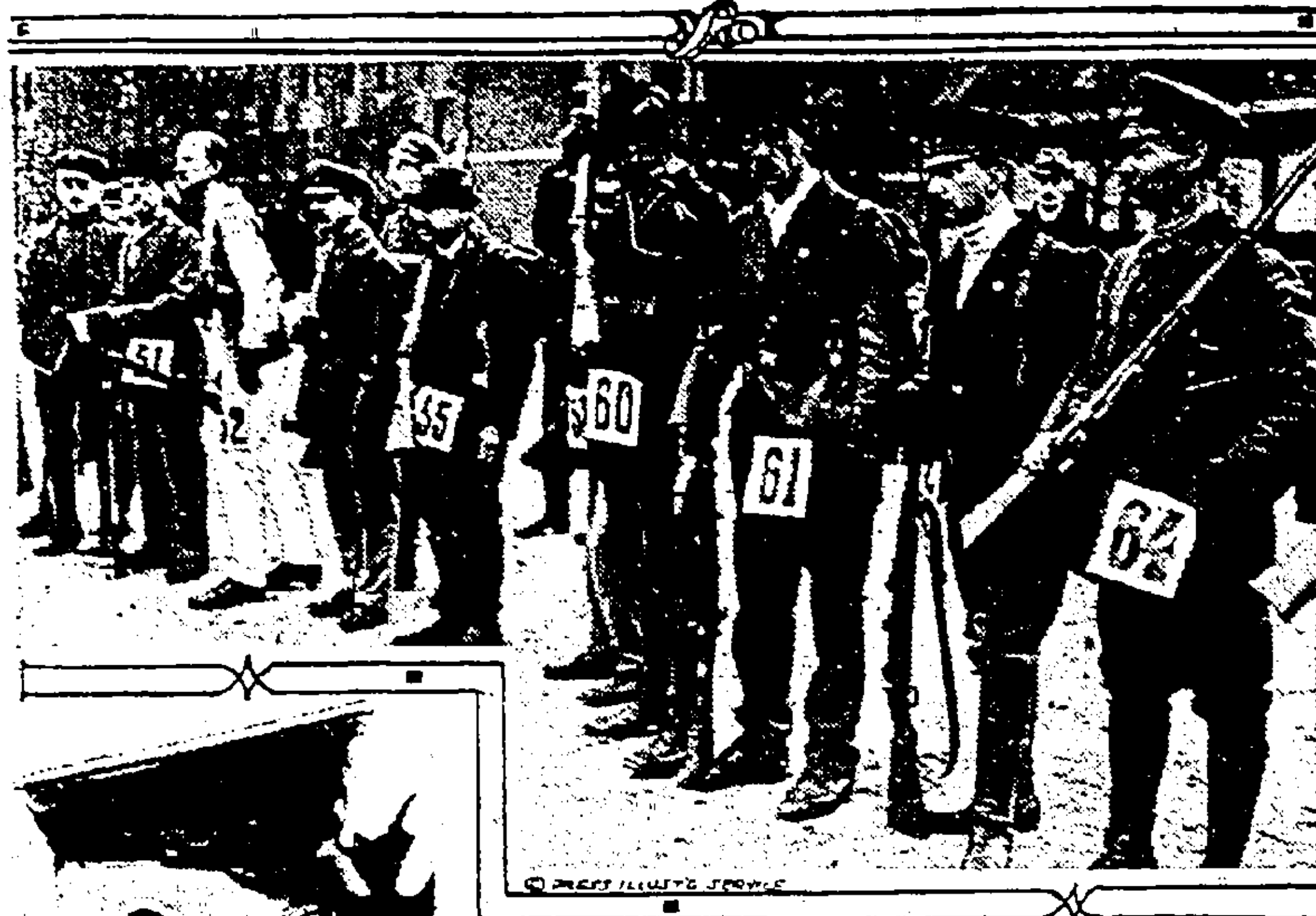
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TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



Broussa (Asia Minor), which may become the Capital of New Turkey, if Constantinople is taken away from her.



The striking photo above, received from Germany, shows one of the ways in which Germany was said to be evading the peace treaty terms. Under the treaty the Germans were allowed an army of less than 200,000 men but by calling many of her military organizations public service police, volunteers, citizen guards, etc., they had a force of over 400,000, it is said. Gen. Von Eberhardt, who has been leading the German army in Lithuania, has been placed in charge of the new German home forces.



The Girl Guides of England have a charming new member. She is Princess Mary, who made her first appearance in the uniform of the organization recently at the Great Victory Demonstration of the society. She is shown above with General Sir Robert Baden Powell.



General Congreve who succeeded General Allenby in Palestine.

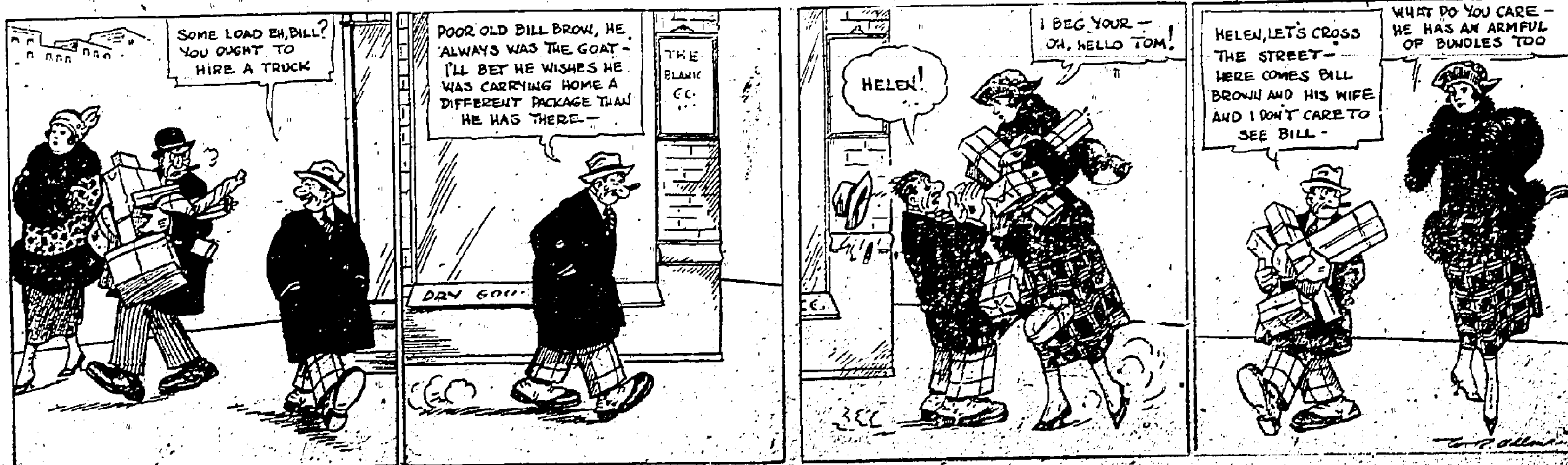


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Fire Insurances.	
China Fires n.	138
H. K. Fires n.	300
Shipping.	
Douglases s.	89
H.K. Steamboats b.	20 1/2
Indos (Pref.) n.	20
Indos (Def.) n.	205
Shells s.	270
Ferries s.	29
Refineries.	
Sugars n.	201
Malabons s. cum div.	47
Mining.	
Kailans s.	140
Langkats n.	t. 14
Shanghai Loans n.	t. 14
Shai Explorations n.	1
Raub n.	40
Trochs b.	30
Ural Caspians n.	30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves b.	80 1/2 ex div
K. Docks b.	145 s. 150
Shai Docks n.	t. 105
N. Engineerings b.	t. 28
Lands, Hotel & Buildings.	
Centrals s.	108
H.K. Hotels n.	115
L. Invest n.	109 1/2
H. phreys Est. n.	75
K'loon Lands n.	50
L. Reclamations n.	133
West Points n.	59
Cotton Mills.	
Ewoos n.	t. 460
Kung Yiks n.	t. 46
Lau Kung Mows n.	t. 300
Oriental n.	t. 290
Shai Cottons n.	t. 315
Yangtzeopos n.	t. 32
Miscellaneous.	
Cements n.	6 1/2
China Borneos b.	17
Do. Light old sa. 7 new b.	5
China Providents sa.	7.70
Dairy Farms b.	20 s. 22
Electrics H. K. n.	88
Electrics M. n.	32
Hongkong Ropes s.	27
H. Tramways s.	7
Peak Trams, old s.	7
Do. new n.	80 cts.
Steam Laundries b.	3 1/2
Steel Foundries n.	10
Water-boats b.	11 1/2
Watsons n.	5 1/2
Wm. Powells b.	12
Wisemans b.	27 1/2

Hongkong, Feb. 8, 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 9d. 11h. 4m.—No. 10 re-records from Vladivostok, Japan, Indo China or the Malayan. Pressure has increased slightly at all reporting stations. The anticyclone remains stationary over China.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.99 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.24 inches, against an average of 1.99 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, fresh, 10 to 15 m.p.h., occasional rain.

2 Formosa Channel N.E. winds, strong, 10 to 15 m.p.h., occasional rain.

3 South coast of China (between H.K. and Looe) as No. 1. The same, 10 to 15 m.p.h., occasional rain.

4 South coast of China (between H.K. and Hainan) as No. 1. The same, 10 to 15 m.p.h., occasional rain.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

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From Vancouver the PROTESILAN, came on Saturday with 2,000 tons of hemp and cargo.

From Glasgow the DANIA, arrived yesterday with 2,500 tons of merchandise for Hongkong.—Mooring, A 38.

The BORNES MARU, arrived from Sourabaya with 3,720 tons of sugar, tin and shell and 180 tons of candles.—Mooring, B 5.

From Saigon the DREIFAR, brought 2,200 tons of rice for the Colony.—Mooring, C 38.

The P. & O. KASHMIR, arrived this morning from London, etc., with general cargo. She experienced strong N.W. monsoon and rough seas.—Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per P. & O. s.s. KASHMIR, arrived for Hongkong:—Miss M. Whiting, Mr. J. K. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson, Lt. MacNair, Mr. C. Piller, Mrs. Piller, Mr. Clay, Mrs. Clay, Mr. S. Springray, Mr. H. Read, Mrs. Read, Mr. A. Boteler, Mr. J. Pritchard, Mr. J. Ashcroft, Mr. D. L. Lyle, Mr. J. Sinclair, Mr. C. Danbury, Mr. C. W. Pottinger, Mr. D. E. Clarke, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. C. Benjamin, Mr. S. M. Saul, Mr. H. T. Fox, Mr. C. A. Edgar, Mr. S. M. Zosab, Mr. W. A. Rose, Mrs. Rose, Major Humphreys, Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. H. Vredenburg, Mrs. Vredenburg, Dr. C. M. Fuller, Mr. Holt, Mrs. Holt, Miss Holt, Miss Morgan.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.		Day On date On date.	
at 5 p.m. at 5 p.m. at 5 p.m.		at 5 p.m. at 5 p.m. at 5 p.m.	
Barometer	30.19	30.13	30.14
Temperature	55	53	49
Humidity	56	51	75
Wind Direction	N.	N.	N.
Force	1	1	2
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.03	0.10	0.12
Wettest open air temperature on the day	5th 55	5th 55	5th 49

H. S. Observatory, Feb. 9, 1920.

T. F. CLAXTON Director.

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INWARD MAILS.

Europe via Negapatam—Per TAJIMA M. 9th Feb.
Shanghai—Per TOYAMA M. 10th Feb.
Japan & Shanghai—Per KAMO M. 10th Feb.
U.S.A. Japan and Manila—Per KOREA M. 10th Feb.
Shanghai—Per KASHIMA M. 11th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 10th Feb., 8.15 a.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong—Per JADE, 10th Feb., 9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China & Japan via Moji—Per KASHMIR, 10th Feb., 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per ICHANG, 10th Feb., 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 10th Feb., noon.
Straits, Bangkok, India via Calcutta and Aden—Per FOOKSANG, 10th Feb., 2 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 10th Feb., 4.15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY.
Saigon—Per HWAH KUN, 11th Feb., 8 a.m.
Macao—Per SUI AN, 11th Feb., 8.15 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE VIA MARSEILLES—Per KAMO MARU, 11th Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 11th Feb., 2 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 11th Feb., 4.15 p.m.
Saigon—Per PAUSANG, 11th Feb., 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 12th Feb., 8 a.m.
Macao—Per SUI TAI, 12th Feb., 8.15 a.m.

NOTICE.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th February, 1920, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 11th February to the 21st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1920.

Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 13th Feb., 11 a.m.
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 12th Feb., 4.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 13th Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 13th Feb., noon.

Philippine Islands—Per YUEN-SANG, 13th Feb., 2 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 13th Feb., 4.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 15th Feb., 1.15 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 15th Feb., 4.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 14th Feb., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 15th Feb., 8.15 a.m.

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNEBAUG, 17th Feb., 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY.

Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Sydney—Per AKI MARU, 18th Feb., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per KAGA M., 19th Feb., 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE VIA MARSEILLES—Per IYO MARU, 20th Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.